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## Editorial

There are a few "most important" events in the life of a person. One is that brief but tremendous period when we publicly accept Christ. Similar importance may be attached to coming formally into a new church family.

Because of this importance, each person's act requires special attention by all of us. What is done at this time may undergird or weaken a Christian's appreciation for his commitment. It is not enough to say this is a most important moment; the values should be brought forth clearly, both for the person and those in the congregation.

Since he is a person, he should be sufficiently introduced so that beyond being a statistic, he is identified to everyone in the congregation. These folks usually would like to see him, helping establish his identity. His relations to others already in the church may forge another link in the chain of identity; part of his decision often is traced to others.

Almost always this step of commitment follows long preparation. The act is a spiritual and psychological climax. We should surround it with adequate leisurely thoughtfulness so that the acceptor (ACCEPTOR) of Christ never can easily forget the warmth and richness of the entire experience. If a dozen come forward in one service, each is facing the moment individually; assembly line techniques will violate the sacred encounter.

After the service has closed, we in the congregation have the same responsibility with the "person" which come earlier to the minister.

We should greet him in the most appropriate way. He is a brand new member of the family of this congregation. He may just have left the way of darkness to begin walking in the Light. With us, he is becoming a new creation.

This is the Gospel. Our loving, sincere "embracing" of this new one in the faith can open a blessed shutter for him, early, on the meaning of Christian love.

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# THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY

"...BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL  
SERVE THE LORD."

A mother tearfully asks, "What am I do with my son, who is turning out to be the 'high school drunk'? His gang has also been stealing petty things 'just for kicks' to see if they can get away with it."

Another mother and father state a privileged communication that their high-school-sophomore daughter is soon to become an unwed mother at the age of fourteen. "What do we do now?" they shamefully ask.

Still another grief-stricken mother, in a state of shock, sends word that her eighteen-year-old son has been booked at the county jail on the charge of first degree murder.

A local mortician calls in behalf of distraught parents who desire services at the funeral of their teenage son, killed when driving while drunk.

A different parent states that her sanity is in question from trying to referee life between two daughters in constant battle as well as in open rebellion against their parents.

Surely every minister has a case load in his files that tells similar stories of sad souls. Should we answer these folk with nice things which sound complimentary and good, or should we tell the truth? Naturally, each case is different and must be given fresh interest. But when all of the so-called facts are compiled and often several interviews later, what happens at the moment of truth? We have found the questioning method very effective.

What investment have you made in that youth since he has been old enough to respond to you? As a parent, what have you done with Johnny that you did not wish to do, but you knew was good for him? Have you always done just what you wished to do, irrespective of the best interests of your children or other family members? When was the last time you held

a family conference to vote on an issue about which there were differences of opinion? Which parent has taken the responsibility for discipline of the children? Should such discipline be an unbearable chore passed on to the other parent? Should discipline be a joint responsibility of both parents regardless of schedule or business? Have good and fair rules been established as a standard operating procedure? Are these rules hard, fast, and unflexible? Or is there ever an occasion whereby rules might allow for exceptions? Are Christian parents to be firm but fair?

Do parents ever take a leisure moment, with nothing particular in mind, to listen, to show interest and to give an ear or perhaps a facial expression of plain understanding? Or is there always a raised eyebrow followed by a sermon?

The FBI points out that forty-six per cent of all major national crimes last year were committed by youth under eighteen years of age. Why is it so difficult to teach a basic respect for the law and the rights of others? Why are our traffic courts filled with an alarming percentage of teenagers? Why are college-age youth so rebellious against law and authority that they are prey for un-American subversives hiding under the guise of patriotism?

Many parents wait until it is most embarrassing to answer all of these questions. This is not to say that the truly Christian home has no problems. We are suggesting that the Christian home creates an atmosphere where the solving of problems may be wrestled with by all concerned and as often as necessary.

From the beginning, our God has been most aware of the value of family life, the bedrock foundation of society. Those early families had internal troubles too, as evidenced by the Prodigal Son.

But our difficulties are more complex today. A problem today might not be white or black but an in-between gray, and might require more time and skill in solving. The ancient principles of concern, understanding, time, patience, and unselfishness were principles governing ancient godly families. How much more do we parents need to learn and excel in those principles today!

Sunday Church Schools are filling up faster now than ever before with wise parents who learn early that we need all available help. Worship services are better attended now than ever before, indicating a definite interest in religious principles. On the other hand, there is an alarming rise in immorality which creates an amazing paradox: A rise in religion, yet a rise in immorality. Perhaps all of us who call ourselves "Christian" need to honestly re-examine our faith and find out if it is changing us enough. If our religion doesn't change us, we need a change of religion! A Christian family should not get lost in its surrounding culture, but should change its surrounding culture! It takes a spiritually strong family to swim upstream against the common currents of today. The spiritually-dead family floats along with the rest of the debris.

Parents, you have a choice to determine what kind of family you will have. Millions of other parents in our world do not have this choice. Let's see to it that we keep America alive to the purpose for which she has been created, based upon the Christian family. Without the Christian family there can be no real, vital America.

"...Choose this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," said Joshua of old. \*



by Charles Gibbs,  
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# INSPIRATION POINT

## The Edge of Responsibility

The captain of a sea-going vessel is in command of his ship. He has decisions to make and schedules to arrange. At times it may appear that his own schedule provides him with more freedom than the other crew members on board. If this is true, it usually is purposeful freedom. His time is planned so that he may be available to help those who might need to confer with him. On any one day he might confront problems ranging all the way from the complaints of a disgruntled crew member to an organized mutiny; or, from assistance given to a sea-sick passenger to arrangements necessitated by an epidemic; or, from attention given to a minor mechanical failure in the engine room to a major breakdown. The point is that he has freedom, but he is responsible for the ship and has an obligation to all who are associated with him on the voyage.

It is no coincidence that freedom and responsibility go hand in hand. "Stand therefore in the liberty wherein Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again in the yoke of bondage." These are familiar words of the Apostle Paul in which he declares that our Christian faith is one which provides us freedom to make decisions and to express our love to God and man. Yet he also indicates that the Christian is under obligation and has responsibility. "I am debtor both to Greeks and to the barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise." His life is not to do with as he pleases. As Christians we are free, but we have a purposeful freedom. It is as though we stand at the edge of responsibility, and have the choice of either turning our backs upon responsibility and losing our purposeful freedom, or moving toward

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the center of responsibility and gaining freedom.

We seriously need to face the question as to whether we as churches adequately assume our responsibility in a brotherhood and as members of a wider relationship which we have in Christ's universal church. It is this responsibility which gives meaning to our freedom and our local autonomy.

Much good can be accomplished through simultaneous programs of stewardship and Christian education and activities in other functional areas of church life. Churches in a district can benefit by having united training efforts for their stewardship canvass and for their teacher training experiences. This calls for responsibility on the part of the congregations participating. They must make decisions and plans and schedules. Churches at the district, state and national levels need to be challenged in their work, and need to more nearly realize their potential as a corporate group, reaching out together in Christian Service. This wider responsibility and co-operation brings greater opportunities for Christian witness and more meaning and satisfaction to the individual congregation in its work. Just as there is strength and inspiration in the fellowship of individual Christians, there is also added meaning and power

which comes as a congregation participates in co-operative ventures.

In our churches we are constantly thinking of the growth of Christian persons. We strive to guide them toward responsible and mature discipleship. We recognize how important it is for a Christian to make his own decisions on the basis of his commitment to Christ. This is a most necessary stage in the development of a Christian.

Should not a similar process of development and maturity for a congregation be followed as in the case of an individual Christian? A church also comes to a point where it needs to make some decisions for itself. It needs to feel a personal responsibility for its witness. One of the meanings of the concept of freedom and local autonomy of each congregation is that as a responsible member of the body of Christ there are some decisions and plans and motivations which no outside group can provide. These must come uniquely from each congregation. As a church participates in the larger witness of Christ by sharing its unique contribution, it will also find new meaning and purpose in its own freedom to make decisions and to act by itself.

In speaking of an ocean voyage and the way in which the captain of a ship has both responsibility and purposeful freedom, we can see that churches also find this to be true. During the Decade of the 1960's we can become congregations who enjoy purposeful freedom in Christ, and who also move toward responsible discipleship. We are standing now on the edge of responsibility. It is the growing edge of God's Kingdom. \*



# Book Review

## "COMMUNISM AND THE CHURCH"

by  
Alfred Lord Roy

Reviewed by E. Dean Canady,  
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California

My first acquaintance with the comprehensive volume "Communism and the Churches", came from a statement by Harold Fey, editor of the Christian Century, who told me at a group meeting in Los Angeles last December, "This is a book you will want to buy and keep. You will have occasion to refer to it many times." I did not at that time know how many times I would refer to it in the ensuing months.

Since then renewed attacks have been made against the National Council of Churches, arising out of the controversy over the Air Force Manual in which unfounded allegations were made against the Council, charging that Communists had infiltrated. Indiscriminate and irresponsible charges have carried over into churches, and ministers have been unjustly and falsely accused of being "commsymp", meaning "communist sympathizers". This has resulted in a few churches suffering division, in others suspicion and fear being generated and the effectiveness and witness of the church greatly weakened. Thus one of the largest segments of our population engaged in the vanguard against atheistic communism from the beginning has had to take time out to prove to many who were misinformed what its true colors were.

Mr. Roy has done a great service to the churches in attempting to tell the story just as it is. His first volume, "Apostles of Discord", published in 1953, was a study of a disruptive group in Protestantism's extreme right wing, and established him as an able student and researcher of

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# Seventy-six Churches Report Evangelism Gains

More than two thousand persons were added to the life of seventy congregations in Southern California between January 1 and Easter Sunday. According to reports sent to the Area Department of Evangelism, 1021 persons were received by baptism, and 1085 by transfer, making a total of 2106. Metropolitan led all districts with additions totaling 364; but San Gabriel Valley was close behind with 339. Westchester and Alhambra led in local church totals with 142 and 116 respectively. Individual church reports are given by districts as follows:

CHURCH	BAPT	TRANS	TOTAL	CHURCH	BAPT	TRANS	TOTAL
<b>COASTAL</b>				<b>SAN BERNARDINO-RIVERSIDE</b>			
Lompoc	6	12	18	Arlington	10	6	16
Morro Bay	3	5	8	Barstow	5	16	21
Ojai	7	4	11	Coachella	9	5	14
Santa Barbara	12	13	25	Fontana	6	4	10
Santa Maria	14	7	21	Hemet	3	12	15
Ventura	9	8	17	Ontario	14	21	35
Total	51	49	100	Pomona	9	10	19
<b>SAN FERNANDO-KERN</b>				Rialto	9	4	13
Antelope Valley	10	8	18	Riverside	13	27	40
Bakersfield First	20	9	29	San Bernardino	18	14	32
White Chapel	41	16	57	Victorville	6	5	11
Devonshire	17	12	29	Las Vegas	20	42	62
Glendale Central	13	9	22	Total	122	166	288
Griffith Park	8	12	20	<b>HARBOR-BAY</b>			
North Hollywood	15	12	27	Bixby Knolls	19	3	22
Reseda	13	23	36	North Long Beach	11	18	29
Taft		2	2	San Pedro	13	10	23
Van Nuys	12	2	14	South Bay	9	18	27
Woodland Hills	12	14	26	Torrance	38	30	68
Total	161	119	280	Total	90	79	169
<b>SAN GABRIEL VALLEY</b>				<b>ORANGE</b>			
Alhambra	48	68	116	Brea	6	9	15
Azusa	16	21	37	Downey	3	22	25
Covina	3	6	9	Fullerton First	24	10	34
Delhaven	19	23	42	Garden Grove	17	23	40
El Monte	8	4	12	Orange	15	26	41
Glendora	7	19	26	Orangethorpe	25	7	32
Pasadena Bethany	9	5	14	Rivera	7	1	8
Pasadena First	10	23	33	Whittier	36	20	56
Ramona Avenue	2	2	4	East Whittier	20	11	31
Temple City	14	32	46	Total	153	129	282
Total	136	203	339	<b>SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL</b>			
<b>METROPOLITAN</b>				Brawley	5	1	6
All Peoples	4	2	6	Cajon Valley	9	6	15
Bell	45	10	55	Chula Vista	23	23	46
Cypress Park	7	1	8	El Cajon First	17	21	38
Filipino	6	10	16	S.D. Clairemont	12	11	23
Hollywood-Beverly	9	21	30	S.D. Kearny Mesa	1	7	8
McCarty	15	35	50	S.D. East	14	17	31
Pico-Arlington	6	3	9	S.D. University	14	4	18
Santa Monica First	6	6	12	Vista	3	0	3
S.M. Sunset Park	5	2	7	Vista La Mesa	30	22	52
Westchester	57	85	142	S.D. Pacific Beach	9	11	20
Wilshire	2	27	29	Torrey Pines	9	15	24
Total	162	202	364	Total	146	138	284



# ECHOES FROM EDEN

Guess what? The serpent came by again the other day. Seems as though he had slipped into church a week ago and found everything right in the midst of the summer slump. As he put it, he "cased the joint" and then dropped by to offer some very reasonable suggestions. In fact, I felt quite a bit better after talking with him.

He said that he had been around to quite a few churches this summer and found that most of them were in the same old bind. Services started a little late, choir on vacation, no greeters at the door, half the pews empty, half the Sunday School teachers away. Nobody expected anything to happen in the summer, so everybody was sorta taking it easy. "So don't worry," he concluded, "they are all in the same fix. There is nothing you can do about it. Things will pick up again in the Fall."

Comforting words indeed, "There is nothing you can do about

it." So with a paraphrase on the words of Jesus (a broad paraphrase indeed), "Relax, for the kingdom of God will begin again in September." I put away all thoughts of calling on a new family, slumped back in my garden chair and was soon safe in the arms of Morpheus.

Sometime later, I was awakened by a neighbor down the street who had dropped by to borrow a fishing rod. In the conversation, my conscience pricked me to ask him to church some Sunday (obviously not this one). "Why I believe in God," my friend retorted. "In fact I go out in his great out-of-doors and there, in the beauty of nature, I worship him every Sunday. But as far as the church is concerned...well, I get my religion out under the canopy of sky and trees." As he picked up my rod and headed for his sanctuary (the garage) to do a little work on his trailer, I couldn't help but think to myself, "How convenient

...how utterly comfortable and convenient...to worship out-of-doors where there is no face-to-face confrontation of one's sin, no challenge to become a better person...and of course, no offering plate."

I was almost in a mind to go after him, when the serpent slipped back into the yard to turn down my thermostat of righteous indignation and to turn up my power of positive thinking. "After all," he said, "don't get too shook up. There probably is nothing you can do. And besides, the crab grass out on the south side needs your urgent attention."

So, turning my attention (and temper) on the crab grass, I got out the hoe as the serpent dropped back down the block to cultivate relations with my fishing neighbor. And as I started to dig, I began to wonder..."Is there really anything I can or ought to do about him?"

Yours in doubt,  
Adam

## NEWS

## REPORTS

## FROM



### ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ENTERTAIN

Members of the Alumni Association entertained the members of the class of 1961 at the annual Alumni-Senior Recognition Banquet on Saturday evening, June 3, in the college dining room.

Barbara Searle Ford is president of the Senior class and Dr. James L. Christian is the sponsor.

John A. Miller '50, president of the Alumni Association, welcomed the seniors into the Association. Music for the occasion was provided by the Madrigal Singers, under the direction of S. Sheldon Disrud.

### INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE ON CAMPUS

In addition to its ecumenical flavor of having students enrolled from 24 denominations, Chapman College is developing an international atmosphere.

This year there were 17 students enrolled from 9 foreign lands, three of whom received their degrees at the June Commencement.

With the addition of Jagdish Mehra of India, to the faculty as professor of Physics, the College will have 8 members of its faculty who were born in 7 other countries. In addition, 4 members of the faculty and staff have served as missionaries to other lands.

Faculty members born in other countries include: Kenneth Miller, *Spanish*—Argentina; Dr. Kurt Berge, *Language and History*—Germany; Mrs. Hettie Dyhenfurth, *Languages*—Switzerland; Dr. Anna Jardini, *English*—Italy; Henry Kemp-Blair, *Speech and Drama*—South Africa; Dr. Yu Nan Chang—China; Jon Yin—China.

### HONORARY DEGREES PRESENTED

Three honorary degrees were awarded at the Commencement Services. William F. Knowland of Oakland and former United States Senator was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. Rev. Henry Searle, State Secretary for the Christian Churches of Oregon, and Rev. Robert Washer, minister of the First Methodist Church of Garden Grove, were

awarded the honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees. Dr. Washer is chairman of the Hoskings Scholarship Committee.

### CHAPMAN'S STUDENT PRESIDENT

Mark Messer has been elected the president of the Student Body of Chapman College. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Messer of the East Side Christian Church in Long Beach.

### GRADUATION SERVICES

Dr. Ernest C. Colwell, president of the Southern California School of Theology at Claremont, was the Baccalaureate speaker; and Senator William F. Knowland was the Commencement speaker at Chapman College for the class of 1961. This class numbered 122 graduates. The services were held on Sunday, June 4. Dr. John L. Davis presided at both occasions.





# FAMILY ALBUM

**DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY AT SAN DIEGO CENTRAL**



Zelma Locker, Anniversary Chairman, and Rev. Heber Pitman, pastor, look picture of original building of Central Christian Church, San Diego, Calif.

Central Christian Church, San Diego, will celebrate its congregation's 75th anniversary with a special calendar of events from July to October 1961. First of the festivities will be an all-church, all-day picnic at Felicita Park July 2. The church's activities through the years, in evangelism, Christian education, and other areas, will be the subject of the annual report meeting July 12.

In August, former ministers of the church will serve as guest preachers. There will be a month-long display of their portraits, and those of others who have served the church.

September's special event will be Fall Festival Feast. Costumes, and a program of old-fashioned songs and recitations, will be featured.

On Wednesday, October 25, Central will have its 75th Birthday Dinner, complete with cake and ice cream. A historical slide show, "Diamond Diary," will follow the dinner.

Climax of the celebration will be anniversary Sunday, October 29, almost 75 years to the day since the congregation was founded October 1, 1886. A special speaker will be a highlight of the service.

Ben Dixon, local historian and a member of Central, is writing a history of the church, to be released in October.

Dr. and Mrs. Leland Cook have completed another ad interim ministry with the First Christian Church at Denton, Texas and returned to their home in San Diego the latter part of June.

## PLAN MERGER

Deliberations between the East 28th Street Christian Church and the Avalon Christian Church have been proceeding for several months, and on May 21 each of the congregations voted to proceed with a merger. Having come to this place, representatives from the churches will seek the answers to many important questions, including the establishment of a date on which the merger would be effected.

In their considerations, the two churches have been led by Enoch Henry, the pastor of the East 28th Street Church, and Jason Cowan, interim minister at Avalon.

## LOMPOC FUND RAISING CAMPAIGN

Led by Rolland Sheafor, from the Board of Church Extension, and ably assisted by a local committee, the new church at Lompoc has had its building fund campaign for the construction of first units. This initial meeting of the congregation's leadership was held with Rolland Sheafor on May 22 when the general program was presented and the first pledges taken. The goal set for the congregation to raise within the first twelve months was \$5,000. At this writing, over \$6,000 has been pledged.

It is anticipated that the congregation will be breaking ground for its first unit early next Spring. The architect selected is Mr. Larry McMannis of Lompoc.

## THERE'S MUSIC IN THE AIR

The 105th Street Church is noted for its musical groups. Much time and effort is spent rehearsing these groups for worship services and musical programs which are frequently presented.

Two programs will be presented in July. The first is on July 9 at 3:30 p.m. at the church located at 10500 S. Avalon Blvd., Los Angeles. Mr. Ben Spencer and Coy Chatman formed the program committee for this event.

The Senior Choir will hold its Annual Festival at the church on Sunday, July 23. Nina M. Dawson is the president of this group and Rev. S.M. Spencer is the pastor of the church.

## MOTHER OF RECEPTIONIST PASSES AWAY

Area Office receptionist, Wynn Adams, was away from her desk to be in Kansas for two weeks following the death of her mother, Mrs. Bertha Nicholson.

Mrs. Nicholson passed away on June 20 in Los Angeles, from injuries sustained in a fall.

Mrs. Nicholson leaves another daughter, Mrs. Lynn Lyons, wife of the minister of the Garden Grove Christian Church and a son Robert, of Columbus, Kansas.

Services were held in the Cherryvale Christian Church, Cherryvale, Kansas, where Mrs. Nicholson's husband, H. Wright Nicholson, was pastor for many years. Interment was in Faulkner, Kansas.

## PERMANENT MINISTER INSTALLED AT HARBOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH

On Sunday June 18, the Harbor Christian Church installed its first permanent minister, Rev. Bernard Burry. For the last seven years he was pastor of the Maplewood Christian Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

Sharing in the service of installation was Gerald Bash, minister of First Church, Santa Ana; Lewis Eloie, interim minister for the Harbor Church; and Dr. James Parrott, Executive Secretary, Christian Churches of Southern California.

In the afternoon an informal tea and greeting for the new minister was held by the congregation at the home of Charles Palmer.

This was a historic day for Harbor Church and a great future is in store for this congregation. Serving as the only Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for 65,000 people in this area, this church very rapidly should become one of our outstanding congregations. Property negotiations are underway with Irvine Ranch and soon a building program will be projected.



## MRS. ADA HARSIN CLOSES WORK WITH AREA OFFICE

With a deep expression of appreciation for her as a person and for the splendid work she has done as the Children's Worker in Southern California, the Board of Directors on May 16 approved Mrs. Harsin's retirement after five years of working among the leaders of children's work in the churches of the Area.

She will continue her work through July 31, after which she will have her vacation before concluding her relationship with the Area Office.

The Board requested the Department of Christian Education to develop plans and procedures for training of children's workers among the churches.

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## NEW CHURCH AT SAN LUIS OBISPO

Eighteen years ago the Christian Church of San Luis Obispo was terminated. The churches of North Coastal District have been insistent that the New Church Department begin a new work in a fast-growing area in this community, near Cal Poly College. The new church is now organized with an average attendance of 30. Services are being held at 400 High Street on Sunday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. The minister from Paso Robles, Dr. John Tytrell-Baxter; and Santa Maria, Charles Gibbs; are ministering on alternate Sundays to this congregation.

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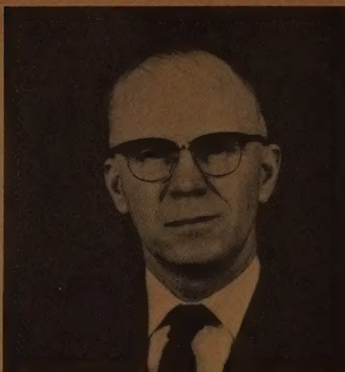
## A KEY TO GROWTH

During the past year E. Dean Canady, Secretary of Christian Education for the churches in the Southern California area, made a study of the church school attendance records of several major denominations. These figures when compared to the phenomenal population growth in Southern California, present quite a picture which cannot easily be overlooked.

While the following churches made increases: (1953-59) Episcopal 4,600, Baptist 4,650, Methodist 14,900, Presbyterian 27,500, the Christian Churches for the same period of time had a loss in enrollment of 1,900.

Mr. Canady found that the considerable increase for the Presbyterians could to a large degree be attributed to the trained leaders and teachers in their churches. Mr. Canady says, "It is inevitable that such an emphasis upon leadership education should produce more effective work among school teachers—which in turn keeps the standards of their church schools high, and thereby attracts more pupils."

## DOCTORAL STUDENT AT S.C.S.T.



Daniel W. Fielder, who retired after twenty-two years of service as a chaplain in the U.S. Army, is currently working on his Ph.D. degree at Southern California School of Theology in Claremont.

Mr. Fielder has the A.D., the M.A. and B.D. from Phillips University and recently was awarded a Master of Theology degree by Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina.

Mrs. Fielder is a sister of Dr. Spencer Austin of Indianapolis.

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## TALENT GALORE

Church talent shows are not always dull or completely void of talent. The First Christian Church of Bakersfield presented two outstanding performances of "Happy Holidays" on April 21 and 22. First and second nights agreed that the two highlights of the show was the Easter Fashion Show (male models in female attire) and the minister of Education, Bob Jones' portrayal of Goldie Locks singing, "The Big Brown Bear said, 'Woof'".

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## SPECIAL BAPTISMAL SERVICE

The friends of the Tom Greens knew that during the Spring, Mrs. Green's daughter, Mrs. George Van Kleeck, was seriously ill. The Van Kleeck family has shared in the Country-side Community Church in Omaha, Nebraska, and as the two children in the family, Lorin and David, accepted Christ before Eastertime, the two youngsters were baptized at the First Christian Church in Omaha where D. Wright Lunsford is the minister. After the baptismal service the Christian minister and the Community Church minister served Communion to the candidates, their parents, their relatives and friends. Fortunately, Mrs. Van Kleeck was able to be present for the service.

After the writing of the above article, word was received of the passing of Mrs. Van Kleeck on May 31.

## GEORGE G. ELDER

The earthly life of a splendid Christian minister closed on May 17 when George Elder died at the Inter Community Hospital in Covina. He had entered the hospital that evening, to have an amputation of one of his limbs the next morning, but passed away quietly before the surgery was performed.

In the memorial service at Temple City Church, both the pastor, Dennis Savage, and James Hempstead, who brought the message, noted that throughout his active ministry he has been a consistent and solid builder of churches. In this venture he has been joined steadily by his wife who continues to reside in Temple City.

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## Y.A.F. FALL CONFERENCE

Harold and Arlene Malaby, Presidents of the Young Adult Fellowship from Antelope Valley Christian Church announce the 19th annual conference of the Y.A.F. is being held at Camp Seely, Crestline, California, Labor Day week-end, September 2, 3, 4, 1961, with vacation the remainder of the week.

The theme for the conference is "God's Countdown". Miss Elsie Farris, attorney at law, churchwoman and world traveler, will be guest speaker. Outstanding buzz leaders will guide the adult group discussion following the presentations by Miss Farris.

The children's program is under the direction of the Second Vice Presidents from Pasadena First Christian, Bill and Betty Smith.

The Third Vice-Presidents, Art and Jeanne Cordell from Pasadena First Christian, are in charge of food and finance. Rates will be approximately the same as last year. Reservation blanks will be forwarded to all churches.

Worship for the entire conference will be directed by Larry and Jane Hixon from All Peoples Church.

Attendance to the Young Adult Conference is urged by Keith and L. Priel Headrick, First Vice-Presidents from Lynwood, and in charge of programming. Consider spending your vacation at Seely this year. About 90 people stayed last year and all reported a wonderful, restful vacation week. Vespers and recreation will be planned for the vacation period.

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## BELATED BUT TRUE

Douglas Edwin Young was born in St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica on March 23. He is the 9 pound son of Rev. and Mrs. John R. Young. Mr. Young is the Minister of Education in the First Christian Church of Santa Monica.



## REDLANDS CONSIDERS RELOCATION

The General Board of the State Street Christian Church in Redlands the late Spring voted unanimously to move from its present facilities and build a new church. The Church Development Committee had studied the situation extensively and found the inadequacy of the present building coupled with the need to move forward in the near future with a modern functional plant.

Don Woodley, the pastor, has asked the people to think and pray about the new venture of faith as the officers planned to bring the matter to the congregation for their decision at the annual meeting in June.

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## VIEW THESE PROGRAMS

"Frontiers of Faith", moderated by Dr. Clifton Moore and presented by the National Council of Churches in cooperation with the National Broadcasting Company, is seen on WRCB (NBC) (Channel 4) in Los Angeles, 10:30-11:00 a.m. on Sundays, July 2, 9, 16, and 23.

"Insight", seen on KNXT (Channel 2), will feature the story of Kaggawa on July 2 and a World Council officer on July 9. The time is 4:00-5:30 p.m.

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## TRACY SILVESTER ORDAINED

On May 21st the solemn ceremony of ordination for Tracy Silvester was performed at Central Christian Church in Van Nuys. According to New Testament teaching, the Elders of the Church had the privilege of participating in the laying on of hands.

Dr. Aldis Webb, ad interim minister and also one of the sponsoring ministers, officiated at the ceremony which took place at the morning worship hour. In addition to Dr. Webb, Rev. Don Sheridan, associate minister of First Christian Church in Oklahoma City and Rev. C. Clyde Wheeler, former associate minister to Edgar Hewitt Jones at Central Woodward Christian Church, now minister of Crown Heights Christian Church, Oklahoma City, were sponsoring ministers.

Rev. Silvester leaves Southern California for Enid, Oklahoma where he will complete his studies at Phillips University. He holds an artists diploma for five years work at the Juilliard School of Music, New York City; a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Central State College, Edmond, Oklahoma, with graduate work at Oklahoma City University, University of Southern California and Valley State College, Northridge. He has been doing full time Christian work for eighteen years.

## BRAZIL CHRISTIAN MISSION WITHDRAWS

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA—Brazil Christian Mission, an enterprise supported by direct gifts from individuals and churches, has voted to sever its ties with the International Convention of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), which has its headquarters here.

The Mission, which began reporting through the Convention's annual assembly 12 years ago, announced its decision is "purely an action of doctrinal conviction."

Dr. Gaines M. Cook, executive secretary of the Convention, announced the withdrawal of Brazil Christian Mission.

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## U.C.C.F. LEADER RESIGNS

The Rev. Mr. David J. McGown, college pastor at San Diego State College for the Presbyterian, Christian (Disciples), and Congregational Churches has resigned to accept a similar post at Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. The Rev. Paul Kitlaus of the Kensington Community Church, and president of the local Board which supervises Mr. McGown's work announced that this will be effective August 15th.

Mr. McGown, commonly known as Dave by numerous students and faculty, has been at San Diego State for the past five years. During this time the work which was originally only Presbyterian was expanded to include the ministry of the Congregational churches and the Christian (Disciples) churches. The campus fellowship is known as the United Campus Christian Fellowship and it operates from the Westminster College Center at 5071 Campanile Drive.

In receiving Mr. McGown's resignation Dr. J.V. Roth of the Pacific Presbyterian Church, and chairman of the Board's Personnel Committee expressed his appreciation and esteem for Mr. McGown's service and leadership here in San Diego.

Rev. Joseph Ray White will represent the Disciples on the committee which will seek to fill this vacancy in our campus ministry.

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## DEATH OF DEAN CANADY'S MOTHER

Secretary of Christian Education Dean Canady left Los Angeles on May 19, going to Penora, Iowa because of the death of his mother. The older Mrs. Canady had been in poor health for some time, and Mr. Canady remained there with his father and other members of the family for about a week after the funeral service.

## CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN HOME

The Convalescent Center building is progressing a little ahead of schedule at the time of this writing. The walls are up and the roof timbers are in place, ready for the sheeting. The room partitions are indicated by rows of studding—so that the layout of the interior is apparent. Interest mounts!

A recent addition to the membership of the Home is Mrs. Flora B. Ewing, a member of the Hollywood-Beverly Christian Church. Since the first of May we have suffered two losses: Mrs. Mary Whitlock whose home church was Long Beach First; and Mrs. Lillian Pike who entered from Alhambra First.

During the past year our program group, headed by Mrs. Bertha Wester, has made twenty-five appearances in churches of the area. In addition, several programs were given by one or more members of the Home family. The last two presentations were made on May 23 at Rivera, and May 24 at Covina. Those who participate in such activities often return to the Home very tired—but very happy. They expect to resume the round of appearances in the autumn.

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## INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

Miss Lynn Pfeil of the Westchester Christian Church in Los Angeles has been informed by The United Christian Missionary Society that she has been approved by the International Youth Exchange to live abroad during the school year of 1961-62. Her host family in Sweden will be Mr. and Mrs. Agnar Edfors.

At the same time, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Gerrish, in Los Angeles, has been informed that Miss Elizabeth Edfors, whose home is in Sweden, has been assigned to live in the Gerrish home.

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## EXCHANGING REINS

The First Christian Church of Vista had such a fine experience when Dr. Marshon DePoister closed his interim ministry and handed the responsibility over to Frank Wodell, the incoming minister.

There was the feeling that there would be no break in the consecrated service which the church had experienced.

The occasion was made more meaningful by the presence that day of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ridenour who previously had served the church as an interim leader. The morning service was followed by a coffee hour honoring Dr. and Mrs. DePoister, whose home is in San Diego where they are members of the University Christian Church.



## CMF SPRING RALLY



**WINNING QUARTET (left to right) — Phil Gerrard, bass; Del Maynard, 2nd tenor; Jim Davis, tenor; and Ray Quigley, baritone.**

**ORANGE**—May 6 was the date of the annual rally of the Christian Men's Fellowship which was held at Chapman College. Each year several hundred members of Southern California church families met to participate or enjoy the scheduled events, several of which take many hours of preparation. Awards are presented for excellence in these events.

Men love to sing. Local church quartets compete within each district and the district winners compete for the "state championship quartet". The winner this year was a group from Camile Christian Church in Santa Ana. Riverside, First Christian quartet was second place and 105th Street Christian Church was third.

### Layman of the Year

The Christian Men's Fellowship Commission has sought to honor the laymen who have shown steady growth in character and concern and work for the church. This year, for the first time, an award was planned for "The Layman of the Year". Nominations came from the minister, the CMF president and the district representative of CMF. Each district would select a candidate and from these one would be named "Layman of the Year".

Selection was made on the man's activity in CMF, varied service over a period of time in the local church, community activities, family relationships, interest in people, district life participation and especially his growth as a Christian.

The first "Layman of the Year" is William (Bill) Heffentrager, a loyal member of the Highland Park Christian Church in Los Angeles. He has an outstanding record of service to the church, to Christ, and to others.

CMF is proud to honor Bill.

### Sportsmanship Award

The church can be proud of the laymen. They are zealous in working in the various areas of outreach and they have a deep concern to mature in their faith and witness. Perhaps they are particularly interested in training or guiding young men, in the development of athletic skills, by accenting the sportsmanship which utilizes the Christian characteristics of mutual concern for individual and team members rather than self. These characteristics should also uphold church and family loyalty. For three years, CMF has presented Sportsmanship Awards in football, basketball, baseball and track. Nominations are made by the church, signed by the CYF sponsor and minister and often



**LAYMAN OF THE YEAR TROPHY** being presented by Tom Green (left), Area Secretary for C.M.F. to Bill Heffentrager.

## NEW CHURCHES RECEIVE CHOIR ROBES

First Christian Church in Pomona has given 40 lovely choir robes to two of the new churches in Southern California. Twenty of these have gone to the Hillside Christian Church in San Bernardino and twenty to the new church in Lompoc. These gifts mean much to these beginning churches.

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## FALL CONFERENCE, MIDDLE ADULT FELLOWSHIP

The dates for the Middle Adult Fellowship Conference are September 16 and 17 at Camp Radford in the mountains above Redlands, Calif.

The theme of the conference is "Christianity—Dead or Dynamic?" This is a challenging subject for responsive adults, 40 years of age or over who wish to meet in conference the people of Christian Churches from all parts of Southern California.

Adults attending this conference will appreciate the fellowship with friends, new and old; the wonderful meals; the time of recreation and the spiritual uplift.

For registration information, contact the M.A.F. representative in your church of the Area Office. Registration deadline date is September 11, 1961.

accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the coach. Awards were presented for recognized sportsmanship at school, loyalty and leadership at church, and good family and community relationships to: Richard Reinhardt, basketball, University Christian, San Diego; Jim Rude, track, First Christian, Bakersfield; Bob Watts, baseball, First Christian, Bakersfield; and Robert S. Deol, football, First Christian, El Centro.



# PAPER CLIPS

ARCH VISITOR  
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JUL PREACHES SUNDAY

**KERSFIELD, FIRST**—At the Mother-daughter Banquet on April 7, Harbultman was chef. The table decorations featured pictures of mothers' daughters of the church. The program included brief portrayals of a woman's life from infancy to marriage.

**TORRANCE, FIRST**—Rev. H. M. Apple and Dr. Al Posner were recently awarded Honorary Life Memberships in Torrance Council P.T.A. at the annual Life Membership Dinner of this most worthy organization.

**USA, FIRST**—The minister says, "An Australian clergyman recently wrote a book entitled, *Happiness is a Habit*. He was pleasantly surprised and puzzled to learn that the book was having a brisk sale among the nuns. On investigation he learned the reason. One of the Catholic magazines had listed the title of the book as *Happiness IN A Habit*."

**CHULA VISTA, FIRST**—"Our Tileometer shows progress in the vestibule. If you wish to pay for a foot of tile, either sign the Tileometer or see Mrs. Mason."

**INNOVIA, FIRST**—There was quite a switch going on in the back hall. The preacher's wife sneaked out on the side of the chancel and when they returned to their places, the preacher had glasses on, and his wife was minus hers. Sometimes this marriage situation "has to be more 50-50" but everything worked out all right anyway.

**LAS VEGAS, FIRST**—Mr. Truman Hinkle has been promoted to the position of General Manager of Channel 2 Television. Mr. Hinkle returned from Las Vegas to be in charge of sales at the station and in a short time he has been here has assumed the top position. Truman is active in the church, leaving his former residence in Las Vegas he served in various capacities, including that of Elder and chairman of the General Board.

**CAJON, FIRST**—The Social Action Committee of the First Christian Church in El Cajon urged its members to write letters to responsible state and national leaders to pressure starter controls on the dope traffic.

**ARLINGTON**—David Bush, Student Body President at Rubidoux High School, won a \$1200 scholarship to Chapman College, where he will major in mathematics. He serves as a deacon in the Arlington Christian Church, is active in CYF and is on the Building Committee.

**NORTH HOLLYWOOD, FIRST**—The Minute Men of today are those who can make it to the refrigerator and back for a sandwich while the T.V. commercial is on!

**VISTA LA MESA**—Six New Member Instruction Classes were held on Sunday evenings beginning April 9, in the pastor's study. The theme for these classes was: "The Nature of the Church". These classes were particularly designed for recent new church members, and members who transferred from a church other than the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

**SAN DIEGO, PACIFIC BEACH**—Through the *News Letter* of the Pacific Beach Christian Church, San Diego, the friends of Claude Wood will be interested to know that this young man who went from Southern California to Drake University will complete his seminary work there this summer. He has received a call from the Hedrick, Iowa church and will remain there as its pastor.

He will be ordained there sometime in late September or early October, his ordination being sponsored jointly by the Pacific Beach Church and the Hedrick Church, according to pastor Dan Griffith.

**LONG BEACH, EAST SIDE**—East Side Christian Church in Long Beach has established a Fellowship Fund, by action of the General Board. Administered by a committee, the purpose of this fund has been to assist members of the congregation who might find themselves in sudden or temporary financial difficulty. All transactions are kept strictly confidential. Furthermore, any church member has only to contact an elected member of the committee for consideration.

The Fellowship Committee is also charged with the responsibility of lending various pieces of equipment when needed, such as wheel chairs, invalid walkers, and hospital beds.

**ORANGE, FIRST**—The Minister's Bulletin is a monthly publication from Unified Promotion to each minister. Published now for 12 years, the front page message is written by a brotherhood leader from across the nation.

The April issue found this article written by Dr. George L. Tolman, minister of the First Christian Church in Orange. The title is, *Man's Epiphany and God's Epilogue*.

## DISTRICT INSTITUTES

District Institutes in 1961 will again feature concentrated training for the local church functional program. Every member of the following functional departments are encouraged to attend: Membership, Worship and Fine Arts, Christian Education, Evangelism, World Outreach, Christian Action and Community Service, Stewardship and Finance, and Property.

Committees composed of the Area Staff representative identified with the local church functional department, the Area chairman of that specific responsibility, and the District chairman of the department will compose a committee to select leadership for each of the training sessions. Leadership for these Institutes will be selected by July 15. These leaders will be specifically trained to do the particular job of acquainting each committeeman with his responsibilities as a member of that department. Special emphasis will be placed on the make-up of the department, how department personnel is selected, the specific responsibility of the department member, relationship of the individual department to other church departments, and budget building in the department. Special helps will be given to the local church member as he faces his responsibility to make his department a more effectual part of the local church.

Following are the dates for the Institutes: San Fernando-Kern, September 15-16; Orange, September 17; Harbor-Bay and San Diego, September 17; Coastal, September 17, 18; San Gabriel Valley, September 19; Metropolitan, September 20, 21; San Bernardino-Riverside-South Nevada, September 24; and Imperial Valley, September 24.

All members of all functional departments should make early plans to be present at the District Institute. If a conflict of dates is imminent, make plans to attend another Institute being held close to your home.

## SEMINARY STUDENT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Charles Emerson has been elected the president of the Student's Association at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Anor Emerson of Chula Vista, the younger Emerson received his Bachelor of Divinity degree in June. He and his wife will come to Southern California for his ordination service in the First Christian Church in Chula Vista on July 30. The Charles Emersons will return to Indianapolis in the Fall where he will be working on his Masters degree. Mrs. Emerson is a secretary with The United Christian Missionary Society, working with Ralph Palmer.



## ORDINATION TO TWO S.C.S.T. GRADUATES

The Covina Christian Church, where he had been serving as the youth director, on April 30 ordained Gerald Deaton to the Christian ministry. Mr. Deaton was a young man in the State Street Christian Church, and the ordination council was composed of representatives from the State Street Church, Covina Church, and the Glendale Central Christian Church. Dennis Savage, pastor of the Temple City congregation, preached the ordination sermon.

In mid-June, Mr. Deaton took up his work as the minister of Education at Glendale Central Church, where B. Frank Cron is the pastor.

### At Pomona

The South Bay Christian Church at Redondo Beach and the First Christian Church in Pomona, through their elders, joined in a service of ordination for William W. Carpenter at Pomona on May 21. Mr. Carpenter spent his earlier youth in the Redondo Beach Church, is a graduate of Occidental College, and while completing his Master of Theology degree at the Southern California School of Theology, has served as the minister of Education at Pomona First Church with R. Lee Pryor, the minister. The younger Mr. Carpenter's father examined the candidate prior to the ordination service. The senior Carpenters now live in Palm Springs. Dwaine Cerbin, pastor at the South Bay Church preached the ordination sermon.

This was one of the final Sundays for Mr. Carpenter as a member of the staff at Pomona. In early June, Mr. Carpenter, with William Pierson, became the co-ministers of the Central Christian Church in Van Nuys.

## WRITER'S PREPARATION

Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Cochran have been traveling in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama during research on Dr. Cochran's new book concerning one of the great Christian Church leaders, Elder John Smith. Dr. Cochran is the author of the best seller, *The Fool of God*, a novel based on the life of Alexander Campbell.

## NEW YEAR'S DEPARTMENTS WILL PREPARE AT CHAPMAN

An orientation of all members of the Southern California Area work will be held at Chapman College on Saturday, July 15. It will continue from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The chairman, and old and new members of each department, will acquaint themselves with their operational procedure, and begin their service together at that time.

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## MRS. GRACE RANDALL

Mrs. Grace Randall, widow of Floyd H. Randall, deceased, died at La Crescenta, California, Sunday, May 7. Interment was in Athens, Pennsylvania. She was a member of the Foothill Boulevard Christian Church.

Her husband was a minister of Christian Churches in Pennsylvania and Syracuse, New York.

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▲ The things we NEVER have to regret are the kind "words" that we speak and the kind "acts" that we do.

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## AREA YOUTH ASSEMBLY

"Christian Action-Fact or Fable" will be the CYF Youth Assembly theme, on Saturday, Aug. 5, at Chapman College. This day-long gathering of youth will face the requirements for Christian action, in such areas as race, delinquency, smoking and drinking, mass communication, and world outreach. Main speaker will be Bill Daniels, president of International CYF Commission, and Disciple youth delegate to the World Council of Churches in New Delhi, India in November, 1961. Other feature of the day will include an authentic Hawaiian luau, lots of singing and mass recreation, sharing by the newly returned Witness in Mexico group, book and project displays, and recognition of 1961-62 district and area officers. Be sure your CYF registers in mass for the Youth Assembly.

## YOUTH TO ANN ARBOR

Southern California will have an impressive delegation at the North American Ecumenical Youth Assembly in Ann Arbor, Michigan, August 16-23. Representing CYF will be Nancy Cuthbertson, Linda Thybert, John Lacey, Dave Hull, Bonnie Harfer, Gael Harrington (alternate), Marti Rupp, and Haywood Pritchett. Don Shelton, national officer, Jerry Jones, counselor, and Kathy Barnett, representative from 1960 European Ecumenical Youth Assembly, will also share in this interdenominational youth convocation, which will gather under the theme, "Entrusted with the Message of Reconciliation."

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## CHRISTIAN MOTHERS ASSOCIATION

Under the inspiration of Mrs. James Housego, Church School Superintendent, the First Christian Church of Monrovia has unique copied the P.T.A. idea for the mothers of their Church School children through the 8th grade. A call for volunteers was issued for "room mothers" and the response was gratifying that every class has an active "room mother" with two or three assistants. These room mothers assist the teacher in planning social events, telephoning and assisting in special day emphasis in the classroom.

Organized under the name of Christian Mothers Association (C.M.A.), Mrs. Anita Hedwall has been the chairman since its beginning about six months ago. All of the mothers of the Church School children are urged to attend the quarterly meeting where pertinent topics are developed into most interesting programs. These programs are generally planned by the teachers at their regular teacher's meetings.

On June 6, Mrs. Helen Thompson, Assistant Professor of Education at Chapman College, was the guest speaker. Mrs. Thompson is also the director of The Thompson Reading Clinic, which was moved to the Chapman College campus in 1959 from Anaheim, where it had been in operation for ten years. Mrs. Thompson has been a teacher, counselor and reading clinician in the Long Beach Schools; she has worked in the area of teacher training at the University of Southern California; was a reading consultant for schools in Anaheim and Westminster; and a psychological consultant for the Azusa Schools.

This is just one of many fine programs to be planned for the mothers of the Monrovia Church. These mothers are demonstrating with good attendance and high interest that often we can best help our children when we help ourselves.

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## FULLERTON BREAKS GROUND

The long-awaited groundbreaking ceremony took place at the First Christian Church of Fullerton on May 10:00 a.m. This program initiated construction of a new Fellowship Educational Building. The time the ceremony was conveniently so those attending both Church school and worship service could be present.

## WOMEN CHOOSE NEW PROJECT

Operation Tug-a-rug" was the special financial project of the Business and Professional Women of Southern California for the past year. Its active division of the Christian Women's Fellowship has 72 groups. Each year take some particular mission project. \$1,000 was raised last year for floor covering for Loch Leven Lodge.

"Operation Amistad" is the new project recommended by the Executive at their meeting on May 27 at the California Christian Conference. A sum of \$1,000 will be raised this year for an overseas project. Latin America is the theme for this mission study this year, a project "Friendship Mission" in Asuncion, Paraguay was chosen. A hope and a dream is now under construction: a chapel, a house of worship for the mission. The BPW project money will be used for furnishings for this chapel. These will be the stone work for the pulpit, the altar, the chancel, a communion table, and the chancel chairs.

Our missionaries, Betty and Raymond Mills write: "The Mission is bringing a change to this poor neighborhood and within fifteen years this will be a middle-class neighborhood. Those who are working in these economic poor countries are most dependent upon our churches at home. The standard of living is so low that our church members are unable to give much to help much to sustain the national church, let alone do any building. God has blessed the work here at the Mission and we have faith that it will continue to guide the work." "Operation Amistad" will be a blessing to both the givers and those who will receive.

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## BOOK REVIEW

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movements in our society affecting the life of the total church. He has given years to exhaustive and meticulous study of the period from the Russian revolution to the present, and his survey covers all of America's major faiths, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, and Eastern Orthodox.

The book tells in documented detail how the Communists first spurned religion and then saw opportunities to use the churches to their advantage. The fact that they have been unsuccessful in making any significant inroads into churches, does not keep them from attempting to work through front organizations to which conscientious ministers and laymen have at times unwittingly given support. When the true identity of the sponsorship became known, the people in question withdrew. In one sense the book is an indictment against the timidity, and inactivity of the church in social concerns.

This work is an absorbing account of individuals. A summary on the bookjacket states, "Among the dramatis personae are: the blind 90-year old Episcopal minister who was part-owner of the *Daily Worker*; the Catholic priest who flew to Moscow to talk with Stalin; the Presbyterian minister who joined the party and was later unfrocked by his church; the Methodist theological-school professor whose prestige and personality brought a number of ministers into the orbit of Communist influence. Attacks against clergymen by such well-known anti-Communists as Herbert Philbrick, J. B. Matthews, Benjamin Gitlow, and the Un-American Activities Committee are carefully analyzed. This thorough and timely book is of fundamental importance to every reader who is concerned with the role of the churches in our national life and the health of the nation itself."

This volume is the seventh in a series of books on *Communism in American Life*, Clinton Rossiter, General Editor. Copyright 1960, Harcourt, Brace and Company, N. Y.

## ASILOMAR MISSIONARY CONFERENCE



The Reverend Mr. Ernest M. Fowler, Dean of the Missionary Education Conferences, announced today that the Reverend Dr. Theodore E. Matson, Executive Director of the Board of American Missions of the Augustana Lutheran Church, has been secured as the principal speaker for the two missionary Education Conferences to be conducted July 28 to August 2 and August 2 to August 7 at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, California.

Dr. Matson, who is the author of the home missions study book for 1961, will be speaking on "Churches for New Times". The extensive travel which Dr. Matson has performed for his own Board of American Missions and the leadership which he has given as Chairman of the Division of Home Missions of the National Council of Churches, has qualified him as an authority on not only the need for new churches, but also the programs which are proving the most effective in meeting the need throughout America today.

In addition to Dr. Matson, other outstanding leaders have been secured which give promise of making these 1961 conferences the most inspirational and helpful in a long series of Missionary Education Conferences conducted at Asilomar.

## LOCH LEVEN WORK DAY

Fifty-four people gathered at Loch Leven for work the week-end of May 13. Many jobs were done that will make Loch Leven a better place for groups this summer.

Electrical, plumbing, carpentering, trail making and road work was done as well as making cot covers and drapes by the women.

Twelve churches were represented. La Mesa led the group with the largest number participating which was nine and Artesia was next highest with eight workers. George Robb supervised the work.



### THREE NEW BOOKS

Bethany Press has recently released three new books, two of them concerning children in mission fields.

**MARCIA OF PARAGUAY**, by Marjorie Davis Spice tells how the desire of a ten-year old Paraguayan girl for education was finally realized. Having served in Paraguay, Mr. and Mrs. Spice are presently in Mexico.

Grace McGavran captures all the beauty and mystery of the vast continent of Africa in **BOY OF THE CONGO FOREST**, a story of a twelve-year old boy and his friend.

An eloquent plea for a return to self-reliance and pride in individual accomplishment is the theme of Perry Epler Gresham's **FOR INDIVIDUALS ONLY**—answer to conformity. Dr. Gresham, the president of Bethany College, currently is the president of the International Convention of the Christian Churches.

Of course, these books are available at the Bethany Bookstore in Los Angeles.

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### PRAYER GARDEN DEVELOPED

The minister of Chapel in the Canyon, Canoga Park, Lawrence White, reports several additions to their Prayer Garden. A lovely Prayer Chapel has been built, a large patio with an 8' waterfall, and a large wall 14' x 55', upon which will be placed a more than life-sized mosaic glass of The Last Supper. Eventually, the mosaic will have an enclosure for assembly, 70' long.

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### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COUNCIL CALLS RESEARCH MAN

A major staff appointment to the joint leadership of the Church Federation of Los Angeles and the Southern California Council of Churches was announced this week by Dr. Forrest C. Weir, chief executive leader for both groups.

The Rev. Robert D. Ball, a specialist in church planning, was appointed as the director of the Joint Department of Research and Planning for the Federation and the Council. Dr. Weir said that "an intensive search has been made over the last six months for a man uniquely qualified to direct this strategic service of the churches. Mr. Ball will direct the department's research on population trends, guide the cooperative planning process for the placement of churches, and represent the churches united in the Federation and the Council in their attempts to cooperate with city and county planning commissions."

### RECOGNIZED FOR BROTHERHOOD SUPPORT

**INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, May 26, 1961**—First Christian Church of Bellflower is one of 488 congregations in the United States and Canada being recognized for support of Brotherhood outreach causes through Unified Promotion.

The Bellflower church has received a Certificate of Progressive Stewardship for giving between 20 and 25% of its total receipts to Unified Promotion in 1959-60. It is one of 19 churches in Southern California being recognized for giving to sustain work in state missions, world missions, Christian education, higher education, ministerial aid, church extension, brotherhood historical interests, International Convention and Christian unity.

#### Certificate of Commendable Support

Wilshire Christian Church, Los Angeles has received a Certificate of Commendable Support for giving between 15 and 20% of its total receipts to Unified Promotion causes.

Also awarded Certificates of Recognition for giving 10 to 15% of their receipts to Unified Promotion were the following: First Christian of Baldwin Park, Little White Christian Chapel at Burbank, Covina Christian, Central Christian at Glendale, Huntington Park Christian, East Side Christian at Long Beach, All Peoples Christian at Los Angeles, First Christian of North Hollywood, First Christian of Ontario.

Also, Bethany Christian at Pasadena, First Christian at Pomona, First Christian at San Bernardino, Central Christian of San Diego, University Christian at San Diego, First Christian at Santa Maria, First Christian at Santa Monica and First Christian at Whittier.

### MINISTERS TO NEW POSITIONS

Harold Hively and his family have returned to Southern California from Lexington, Kentucky where he completed his Bachelor of Divinity degree at the College of the Bible. Mr. Hively has responded to the invitation of the Baldwin Park Church to become its minister, and he has begun his work there.

A graduate of Chapman College, he served with the Sunset Park Christian Church and the Van Nuys Central Church before going to Kentucky.

With an earlier announcement having been made about his resignation from the San Bernardino First Church, Gilford Olmsted closed his work there on June 18 to go to Kansas City, Kansas, where in July he becomes the minister of the Countryside Christian Church.

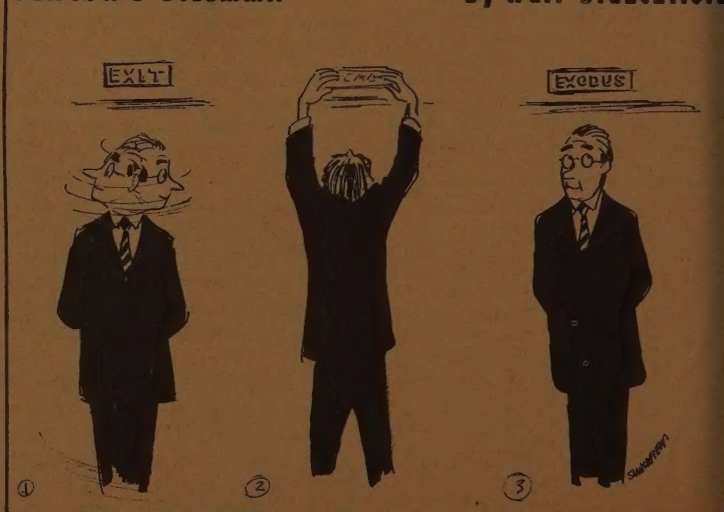
#### Decade Goal of "50-50"

Church giving to Unified Promotion is a portion of the total outreach of Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ). On the average, churches across the nation spend \$5 for local work out of every \$6 received, or \$1 in \$6 for total outreach. This ratio of \$1 in \$6 is far below the Decade Decision objective of \$1 for outreach for each \$1 spent locally.

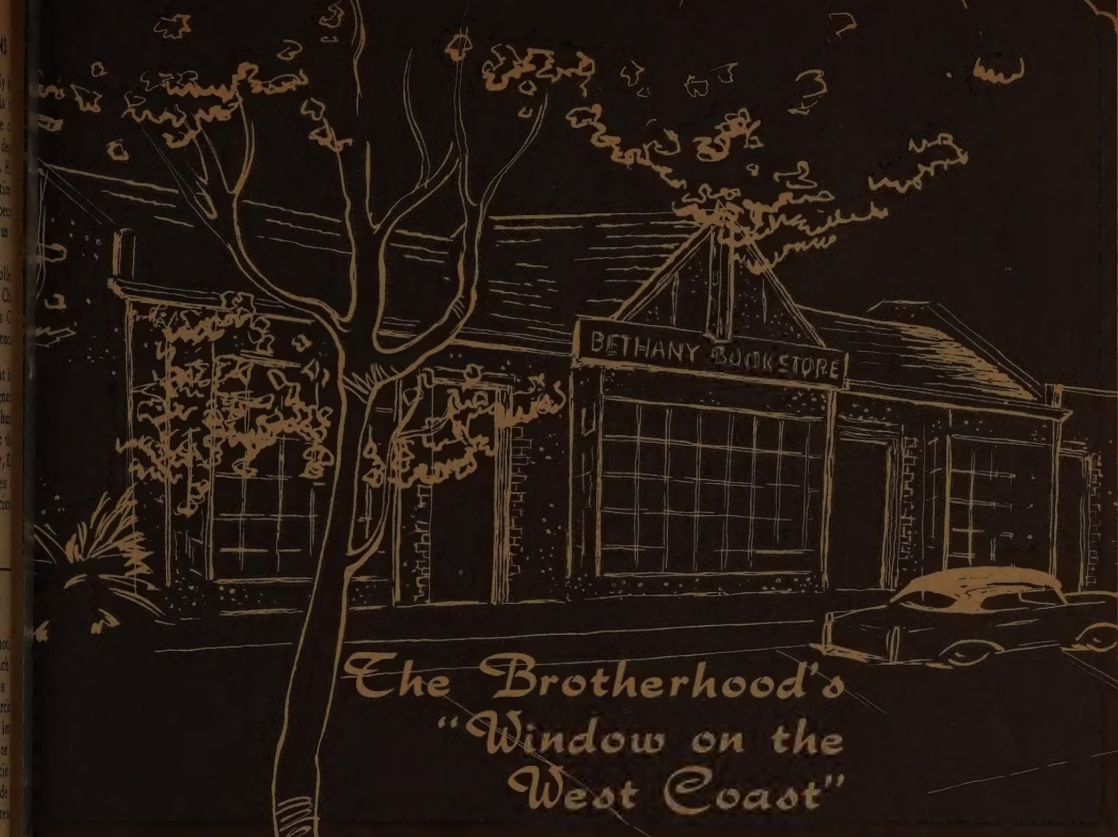
According to Spencer P. Austin, executive secretary of Unified Promotion, a number of churches indicate that they are moving toward the Decade goal of "fifty-fifty" giving to be achieved by 1970. "The objective of \$1 for outreach for each \$1 spent locally," Dr. Austin observes, "brings into focus the truth that the church does not exist for itself alone, but is a channel through which the Great Commission becomes reality."

### DEACON'S DILEMMA

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## COMING EVENTS

- July 1-8 Niners Conference,  
Loch Leven
- 3 CWF Executive Comm.
- 3-30 CYF Witness in Mexico
- 4 Area Office Closed
- 5-13 Training Camp for Adults,  
Bethany Pines
- 8-15 Chi Rho Conference,  
Loch Leven
- 8 CMF Executive Comm.
- 9-14 Church Planning Inst.,  
Chapman College
- 10 VIEW-POINT Commission
- 15 Area Orientation for new  
Department members
- 18 Board of Directors
- 19-23 CWF Second Quadrennial  
Assembly, Purdue
- 22-29 Chi Rho Camp, Bethany  
Pines
- 28 - First Missionary Edu.  
Aug. 2 Conference - Asilomar
- 29 - Chi Rho Conference,  
Aug. 5 Loch Leven
- Aug. 2-7 Second Missionary Edu.  
Conference - Asilomar
- 5-12 Chi Rho Conference,  
Loch Leven
- 12-19 CYF Conference,  
Loch Leven
- 16-23 No. Amer. Ecumenical  
Youth Assembly, Ann  
Arbor, Michigan
- 18-25 Chi Rho Camp
- 19-26 Chi Rho Conference,  
Loch Leven
- 19-26 Niners Conf., Idyllwild
- 19-26 CYF Conference,  
Idyllwild
- 25 - SOY Pack Trip  
Sept. 4
- 26 - CYF Conference,  
Sept. 2 Loch Leven
- 28 VIEW-POINT Commission
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### A CORRECT NAME

Since there are so many homes for senior citizens in Southern California, it is important for friends of the California Christian Home to refrain from referring to it by any other title. It is not the "San Gabriel Home", because it is in the community of Rosemead, a city of 20,000 population which has been incorporated long after the California Christian Home was established.

One concern is that legal difficulties might be experienced if important documents, such as wills, were to use incorrect terminology.

It is the California Christian Home, in Rosemead—and now, please note the mailing address: P. O. Box 148, San Gabriel, California!

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## WAY OUT ON A LIMB

Jericho isn't such a bad place to live...if you overlook the long-bearded, clean-robed rabbi kind of characters who peddle a certain kind of stuffiness in the very way they walk...or if you don't mind the musty smell of heavy laden animals making their plodding, clomping progress through the cobbled streets. Actually, there's a lot that can be said for living in Jericho. It's not hard to find a friendly face to pass the time of day...or a few of the boys to whoop it up when Sabbath rest has ended...more than anything, I guess, it isn't too difficult to get away from it all if one really wants it that way...to wander outside the city walls, to crawl beneath the sheltering shade of trees, to lie with eyes half closed in noonday sun and feel the soothing warmth of blowing breeze and hear the gentle whispers of leaves in peaceful conversation with themselves...God somehow in a time like this comes into clear and meaningful purpose.

Not so today.

The sounds of roaring jets and grinding gears and teachers' droning voices reduce and drive away the sounds of things more peaceful, more soothing to the soul. The great outdoors becomes a city park with a million kinds of odd-ball contraptions and people in like number to make full certain nature doesn't speak. To get outside the "city walls" requires three weeks of planning, four days of packing, five hours of driving, a full month's pay...only to find that everyone else had the same idea, and beat you there. Instead of getting aside to ease the inmost drive to be worthwhile, we P.O.P. and Disneyland and movie-go and bowl and skate and beach and swim and eat in fancy places...and study when there's time between T.V....'til when we drop exhausted, beat and whipped into troubled, tossing slumber—we wonder why life just doesn't mean much anymore, and just can't understand it.

That's the "why" of this summer Conference thing...a chance for kids who care and some who don't but might, to go apart from the raging multitudes, the low-dumped cars, the fancy clothes, the man made sounds, the trash to read, the things to do, and have a chance to be—

—to be part of a group of kids and real adults who learn, the only way it can be learned at home or abroad, the tricky, illusive art of living together in love and Christian community.

—to be alone atop a hill, beneath a tree, by water still or flowing, and face the latent possibility that God is near and is waiting to be recognized and known.

—to be a person, who can love and share, who can be loved and shared, who can know what it means to be worthwhile, to be accepted as one is.

—to be more aware of a man called Jesus who came to know and be most like the God whom we would seek to know and be more like Him with every new tomorrow.

You just can't hardly find a Jericho anymore...and maybe that's not so bad...so long as there's still Loch Leven places, and Idyllwilds, and Bethany Pines, and besides, who wants a camel standing in the living room, anyway?

—ZACH